What is claimed is:

1. A data editing apparatus comprising:

a first folder to store audio data and image data, which is linked with the audio data at a predetermined playback position thereof;

a second folder to store only image data without storing any audio data;

link release means for releasing a link between arbitrary audio data and image data linked therewith stored in the first folder; and

moving means for moving image data, of which link information is canceled, from the first folder to the second folder when the link is released through the link release means.

2. The apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

inhibiting means for inhibiting the movement of the image data, of which link information is canceled, from the first folder to the second folder when the same image data as the image data is included in the second folder.

3. The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein when canceling the link information, the link release means rewrites header information of the audio data and also

rewrites header information of the image data to release the link between the audio data and the image data.

- 4. A data editing program capable of permitting a computer to edit audio data and image data linked with the audio data at a predetermined playback position thereof, the audio data and the image data being stored in a first folder, the program comprising:
- a function of releasing a link between arbitrary audio data and the corresponding image data stored in the first folder; and
- a function of moving the image data, of which link information is canceled, from the first folder to the second folder when the link is released.